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SUBJ: AEF MISSIONARY RELEASED BY MPLA

1. I TOLD HIGH COMMISSIONER ADMIRAL CARDOSO ON OCTOBER 9 THAT DESPITE MINISTER LOPO DE NASCIMENTO'S PROMISES, THERE HAD BEEN NO PROGRESS IN OBTAINING THE RELEASE OF AEF MISSIONARY DONALD LUTES. I SAID THAT I HAD CALLED NASCIMENTO AND COMMANDER BULA AT MPLA GENERAL STAFF HEADQUARTERS TO ARRANGE A VISIT TO LUTES, BUT STILL HAD NO FIRM COMMITMENT FROM EITHER OFFICIAL. CARDOSO CALLED NASCIMENTO TO COMPLAIN AND WAS TOLD THAT LUTES WOULD BE RELEASED WITHIN A FEW HOURS. NASCIMENTO CALLED BACK TO ASK THAT I COME TO HIS OFFICE. WHEN I ARRIVED THERE HE CALLED IN SECRETARY FOR INTERIOR HENRIQUE SANTOS AND TOLD HIM TO SEND A CAR OUT TO THE GENERAL STAFF HEADQUARTERS WHERE LUTES WES BEING HELD, AND BRING HIM TO THE PALACE. LUTES ARRIVED AT ABOUT 1730, TALKED

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BRIEFLY WITH HKSCIMENTO, WHO EXPRESSED REGRET AND TOLD HIM HE

WAS FREE, BUT THAT HE SHOULD REPORT BACK TO NASCIMENTO ON OCT-
OBER 11.

2. I TOOK LUTES TO ONE OF THE U.S. EVACUATION PLANES TO GET A
MEAL AND THEN PUT HIM UP AT THE HOME OF MISSIONARY FRIENDS.
HE IS IN GOOD HEALTH AND SAID HE WAS NOT MISLREATED IN ANY
WAY. IT WAS ONLY ON THE LAST DAY OF HIS IMPRISONMENT THAT MPLA
SECURITY AGENTS INTERROGATED HIM. THEY SAID HE WAS A SPY AND
WORKED FOR THE CONSULATE GENERAL AND THE CIA. THE CHIEF IN-
TERROGATOR PREPARED A STATEMENT WHICH LUTES SIGNED AFTER OBJECTING
TO CERTAIN PASSAGES.

3. LUTES ASKED THAT WE ADVISE HIS FAMILY IN KITCHENER, ONTARIO
AND FELLOWSHIP INTERNATIONAL HEADQUARTERS IN ENGLAND THAT HE
IS AT LIBERTY AND WILL REPORT MORE FULLY AT THE EARLIEST
OPPORTUNITY. I WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF AF/C COULD SEND MESSAGES
TO THE TWO ADDRESSEES CONTAINED IN PARA 6 OF LUANDA'S 1505.

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